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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed March 24, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response, *plus a one month extension for time*, is set to expire on July 24, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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